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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OCI

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THROUGH:

Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM:

Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT:

Gribovaya Bay Possible Electronics Installation,  
Novaya Zemlya Island, USSR

REFERENCE:

- (a) Requirement C-CI-3-80,844
- (b) CIA/PID Project C 1743-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 5 December 1963 requesting a comparison of Area 2 at Novaya Zemlya with instrumentation facilities containing 110 foot domed buildings at Sary Shagan Anti-Missile Test Center and Uka in the Kamchatka Peninsula.

2. Though an absolute negation of the Novaya Zemlya Area 2 as an instrumentation facility, similar to those at Sary Shagan and Uka, is not possible due to scale and weather limitations, it can be stated that the Novaya Zemlya facility is not the same and therefore probably does not perform the same functions. Three reasons are given for this analysis.

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The support facilities at Uka and SSATC are surrounding and adjacent to the 110 foot diameter dome. In the case of Area 2 the support facilities are 3.5 nautical miles away from the "dome shaped" structure over very difficult terrain to traverse. Finally, the "dome shape" of the object referred to in the two NPIC referenced reports cannot be confirmed on available photography.

In a positive sense, the UKA and SSATC facilities are directly connected to missile test range activity; therefore, it is conceivable that operations might differ from the type of exercise involved at Novaya Zemlya. The number of buildings present, the presence of a cleared 1,250 by 150 foot airstrip, and the tract activity certainly implies significance in such a desolate area.

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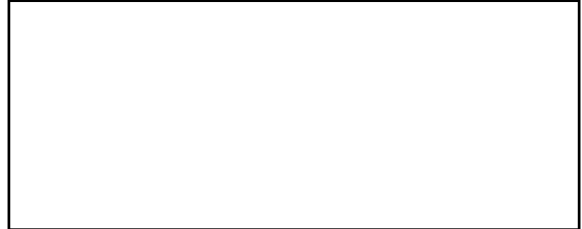
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25X1A 3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

25X1A 4. This project has been coordinated with [REDACTED] of ABCB/PID and is considered to be complete.

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